

F: READER'S DIGEST

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22 December 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

1. This memorandum recommends action in Paragraph 4.

2. Herewith is a check for \$750 from the Reader's Digest Association, Inc. made payable to you with a covering letter, stating the Digest would be delighted to have you accept the check with the purpose of turning the proceeds over to a charity of your choice. This was in conformity with your letter of 1 December 1960 to Miss Marjorie Nicholson, of the Reader's Digest, in which you stated that you have made it a practice since you became DCI of not accepting personally any remuneration for articles, speeches, etc. In that letter you offer to return the enclosed check or to accept it and turn it over to charity and said you would accept either alternative she desired.

3. I believe you are making an error in accepting this payment, or for that matter any honorarium, whether you turn it over to charity or not. In this particular instance your speech was official and in the public domain and the Reader's Digest could use it in condensed form as it did, or could use it in any way it saw fit without your knowledge or consent. They are paying you \$750 for a public document which they can have without cost. The question will naturally arise as to why they are paying for something that they can get free. The fact that you turned the check over to charity is irrelevant, I think, because the Digest is still out \$750.

4. Recommendation: That you return this check.

Attach.
cc: DDCI w/o attach.

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